

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Barbara A. Casey
Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney
David T. Bibb III, Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Casey asked for a moment of silence to remember all the people who live on the Eastern seaboard who are having terrible weather and those who are suffering from deaths or accidents from all the terrible things happening and they pray that our national leaders take into consideration the scientific evidence about climate change and global warming so they can take action to stop it from happening to the entire United States.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Casey and Ulibarri, Jr., both seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised she had the invitations for the Las Vegas Day and Night at the Legislature and thanked Virginia and the staff for putting them together and advised they did an outstanding job.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised the Council the invitations were for them to pass out to their constituents, to welcome them and to be part of the team.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised she was also passing out the Capital Outlay Legislative request that included thirteen projects and emergency funding for water leaks and road improvements.

Discussion took place regarding the letter Mayor Gurulé-Girón sent to Senator Pete Campos in regards to the emergency funding.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the emergency funding for the infrastructure and roads.

Discussion took place regarding the emergency funding would only be for the infrastructure and the roads would go through the road fund.

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised the Film Gala was the 17th of February, the City offices would be closed the 18th of February and the Bradner Dam dedication was on the 21st of February and also Senior day was on the 22nd of February at the Roundhouse.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Out of State Travel to Phoenix, Arizona for two police personnel to attend Police Internal Affairs Training on April 7-13, 2019.

Police Chief David T. Bibb III advised they currently had two school trained Internal Affairs Investigators who were both Commanders.

Discussion and questions took place regarding who would be attending the Internal Affairs Training.

Police Chief Bibb advised he was requesting Commander Steve Pacheco and Lieutenant Monica Vigil attend the training.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Out of State Travel to Longmont, Colorado for an Animal Control Officer to attend the Training Academy on animal care and cruelty investigation training on April 8-12, 2019.

Interim Community Development Director Virginia Marrujo advised they wanted to send Animal Control Officer Alex Allington to a National Academy Training which was a 1 out of 3 series module, which has a module A, B and C for a National Certification. Interim Community Development Director Marrujo advised there was a training in Las Cruces but it got cancelled so the next closest training was in Colorado.

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised the Animal Welfare Coalition would be providing a partial scholarship for Animal Control Officer Allington to attend the training.

Interim Community Development Director Marrujo advised the Animal Welfare Coalition would pay for Animal Control Officer Allingtons registration fee and the City would pay the travel costs for her to go.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Resolution No. 19-08 assuring the availability of matching funds for the participation in the New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Cooperative Agreement (COOP), in the amount of \$75,000.00 which is 25% of total estimated project cost of \$300,000.00 for phase 3 of 5.

Interim Public Works Director Danny Gurule advised the project was to help redo the road on West National.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised they had set aside funding for the 2019-2020 fiscal year from the road fund.

Councilor Casey asked for clarification on the resolution with the way it was worded because the streets did not make sense.

Councilor Casey stated, the resolution says, "construction of roadway improvements to Keen Street from Grant Street to West National Avenue".

Councilor Casey asked if they would be starting by Rodriguez Park and asked how far south.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised that it was to West National and go North.

Councilor Casey stated, the resolution also says, "from West National Avenue to South Pacific Street" and advised West National Avenue and South Pacific Street did not meet up.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised the map read where the Police department was, that it was partially South Pacific Street.

Councilor Casey asked when the other part of Keen Street would be done.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised that the engineer was looking into getting a cost estimate because of having many drainage issues.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the concerns for drainage on Keen Street and the phases of the project.

Councilor Howell advised he was able to tour the area and was glad the project would be taking place.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Resolution No. 19-09 assuring the availability of matching funds for the participation in the New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Arterial Program (MAP), in the amount of \$125,000.00 which is 25% of total estimated project cost of \$500,000.00 for phase 2 of 5.

Interim Public Works Director Danny Gurule advised the amount of the project cost could complete seventy five percent of the project.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the different phases of the project and the locations.

Discussion and questions took place regarding their plan to not cut into other drainage systems during the project.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised he would apply for the match waiver if the resolution was approved.

Councilor Howell advised that the citizens in his ward would be excited for the project.

Discussion took place regarding LED lighting and ways to improve crosswalks without having to re-paint them.

Councilor Howell advised caution near Pino's Truck Stop, regarding all the pressure from the semi trucks.

Discussion took place regarding rebuilding the base to last longer by Pino's Truck Stop.

Discussion and questions took place regarding fixing the potholes by Community First Bank and Walmart.

Councilor Romero requested an update regarding locations of pothole repair.

Discussion took place regarding filling potholes with millings until the weather gets warmer, in order to be able to use asphalt and hot mix.

Councilor Romero advised that the Street Department should advise the public as to when they would be repairing potholes.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised she believed they put out information on the website.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised she was not sure but would look into it.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the procedures taken when they fix potholes.

Discussion and questions took place regarding filling or cutting potholes and which procedure lasted longer.

Discussion took place regarding the collection of water due to no drainage on New Mexico and National Avenue.

Councilor Howell asked if they could reconsider looking into the asphalt zipper equipment that had been purchased but was returned.

Councilor Howell advised that the company would like to do business with the City and would provide the training for staff to use the equipment.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the size of jobs the asphalt zipper could do.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the work being done on Moreno Street and to ensure the proper repair of the road that was being cut.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised Council of the seven presentations and seven additional business items for the next council meeting that would be held on February 20th.

Councilor Casey asked why there were so many that were not ready for tonight's meeting.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised Leo Maestas had submitted the resolution after the Work Session agenda was completed, that Interim Finance Director Tana Vega needed the previous BARs to be approved by DFA before bringing another one to Council. She added that the NMFA Comprehensive Master Plan had just come in along with the other items and that the Utilities department had three RFPs for approval.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that when she sat on the Council, there used to be 18-25 items on the agenda and advised Interim City Manager Gallegos was doing a good job with the agendas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Romero made a motion to convene into Executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Romero made a motion to reconvene into Regular session after being in Executive session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, no decisions were made. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Howell thanked Mayor Gurulé-Girón and the Administrators for providing funds to the Samaritan House and they would do a lot of good with that funding they received, which was in the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

Councilor Howell advised that the County also gave the Samaritan House some funding and that they were looking for a fiscal agent.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that a letter was sent out because the County was in need of a fiscal agent for some infrastructure they were applying for and the City of Las Vegas could help.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

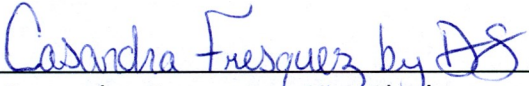
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk